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Plan  
with  
OBTUSE  
Plans*

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SE.

SUBJECT : Psychological Warfare Effort--ALBANIA.

PROJECTS : a) OBTUSE - Monthly overflights for leaflet drops.  
b) OBTEST - Clandestine radio broadcasting.

EXPENDITURES :	Expense (FY'56)	Budget (FY'57)
a) OBTUSE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) OBTEST	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

N.B. The total costs shown above do not include the following items:

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- Salary of one (1) PP Officer in the field.
- Initial and maintenance cost of equipment and installations.
- Proportionate costs of support personnel and facilities.

PERSONNEL : Although separate projects, OBTUSE and OBTEST use the same personnel for PP operations. They are as follows:

- One (1) PP officer (GS-12 \$10,800 approximate cost per annum)
- Three (3) foreign nationals (\$2,000 per annum)

OBJECTIVES : 1. Media of communication between the West and the Albanian people are limited. The United States has no diplomatic installations in the country and normal commercial and tourist traffic is non-existent. Italy and France maintain diplomatic representatives but their contacts

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with the people are limited and discouraged by the Albanian Government. Our leaflet drops to populated areas of Albania and the clandestine radio broadcasts are the only direct means we have of reaching the people inside the country.

2. **OBTEST:** The clandestine radio broadcasts four programs weekly. Monitors report that broadcasting quality is generally good except for the period October to March when atmospheric conditions are poor. During this period the number of weekly broadcasts are reduced to two. Although Albania has no jamming equipment, programs are jammed on the average of two jamming per broadcast by transmitters in neighboring satellite countries. Escapees report that there are some secretly owned radio sets which are listened to by small groups of trusted neighbors who are not sympathetic to the regime. Nevertheless, there are comparatively few radio sets in Albania (approximately 4,000 to 5,000 for 1½ million population and they are limited to Party officials and trusted citizens.
3. **OBUSE:** With few exceptions, most Albanian escapees entering Greece have either read or heard of the leaflets and many claim they have participated in guarded discussions on the leaflet's contents. The Albanian Government has taken notice of the leaflet drops in its radio and press, thus publicizing the leaflets and thereby confirming their harassing effects on the government.
4. **CONCLUSION:** The full impact of the Albanian PP effort can only be achieved through a sustained program of leaflet drops since the clandestine radio and the leaflet program are complementary projects.

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Leaflet drops from June 1955 to June 1956

<u>Month</u>	<u>Flights</u>	
June <u>1955</u>	Cancelled--mechanical difficulties and weather	
July	Two successful drops	2
August	One successful drop	1
September	Cancelled--poor weather	
October	<u>State ban</u> --Geneva Conference	
November	Two successful drops	2
December	Two successful drops	1
January <u>1956</u>	Cancelled--poor weather	
February	<u>State ban</u>	
March	<u>State ban</u>	
April	One successful drop	1
May	One successful drop	1
June	<u>State ban</u>	

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